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## **ILCC: Tier 3 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts to Take Effect in all Regions**

*Non-compliance may result in liquor license suspension*

CHICAGO— Tier 3 COVID-19 mitigation efforts go into effect November 20, 2020 in all regions throughout the State of Illinois in response to a sustained resurgence of COVID-19. Mitigation requirements in bold are new to Tier 3. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission is reminding licensed liquor establishments that failure to abide by the new mitigation efforts could result in immediate enforcement action against their license.

**[The new Tier 3 mitigations \(available via this link\) being imposed are listed below and go into effect on Friday, November 20, 2020:](#)**

- Bars and restaurants must close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day. See link for [RESTORE ILLINOIS TIER 3 RESURGENCE MITIGATION FAQ](#).
- Bars and restaurants can serve patrons at tables with outdoor seating only. No indoor service or seating is allowed.
- No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar is allowed, bar stools should be removed.
- No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting the premises.
- No dancing or standing indoors.
- Reservations required for each party.
- No seating of multiple parties at one table.
- No party buses are allowed.
- **No tables exceeding 6 people.**
- **Meeting rooms, banquet centers, private party rooms, private clubs and country clubs may not host gatherings.**
- **Indoor gaming terminals must suspend operations.**
- **Gaming and casinos are closed.**

Under the Illinois Liquor Control Act (235 ILCS 5/7-5), local liquor commissioners may temporarily cease the liquor license of a business found to be posing an immediate threat to the welfare of their community. Suspensions may last up to seven days. [Click here for more information on a Local Liquor Control Commission's Summary Authority](#).

The new mitigation efforts will remain in effect until a region is able to reduce its seven-day rolling average positivity rate to or below 6.5% for 14 consecutive days. When the region is able to meet the 6.5% sustained positivity rate target, the region will be allowed to return to regular Phase 4 guidelines without these enhanced mitigations.

Information on the State of Illinois' central website for COVID-19 is [available at coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov). For additional information related to COVID-19 and the ILCC, please visit the ILCC's website at: [www.illinois.gov/ilcc](https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc).

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